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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6653**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 245

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 20, 2011

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Prenatal Substance Abuse Commission.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Kruse

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill creates the 16-member Prenatal Substance Abuse Commission and requires the Commission to develop and recommend a coordinated plan to improve early intervention and treatment for pregnant women who abuse alcohol or drugs or use tobacco. (The Commission was originally created in 2007 and expired December 31, 2009.)

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Summary:* This bill will result in an allocation of staffing resources to reestablish the Prenatal Substance Abuse Commission until June 30, 2014. The expenditures would include the costs of an interim and final report required by the bill. According to the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) the reporting requirement will be fulfilled with currently existing staff and resources.

Members of the Commission would not be eligible for salary per diem or travel expense reimbursement related to their service on the Commission.

**Background Information:** The following state agencies are required to have their Commissioner or Director (or a designee) serve on the Commission: (1) State Department of Health, (2) the Division of Mental Health and Addiction, (3) the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning, and (4) the Department of Child Services.

The Commission is to be staffed by the ISDH. Since the Commission's creation in 2007, ISDH reported that staffing required a total of 1,340 staff hours, or approximately 450 staffing hours per year. ISDH estimates

the Commission or working subcommittees will meet at least monthly. In the past, conference calls were utilized for all meetings. Commission meetings were held bi-monthly, along with additional meetings of three working subcommittees. Other costs associated with the Commission resulted from making printed materials available to Commission members.

The Commission is required to submit an interim and final report during the three years the Commission is authorized to operate.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** ISDH; FSSA, OMPP and DMHA; DCS.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** ISDH.

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